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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SHARING INFORMATION IN A VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENT**

Enclosed are also:

- ☒ 38 Pages of Specification including an Abstract
- ☒ 11 Pages of Claims
- ☒ 15 Sheet(s) of Drawings (informal)
- ☒ 2 A Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☒ Form PTO 1595 and assignment of the invention to IBM Corporation

CLAIMS AS FILED

| FOR | Number Filed | | Number Extra | | Rate | | Basic Fee (\$690) |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|---|-------|---|----------------------|
| Total Claims | 54 | -20 = | 34 | X | \$ 18 | = | \$612.00 |
| Independent Claims | 9 | -3 = | 6 | X | \$ 78 | = | \$468.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claims | 0 | | | X | \$260 | = | \$ |
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